

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/765,926	FRISTOE ET AL.	
	Examiner Michael W. Hoye	Art Unit 2623	

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1. This communication is responsive to Amendment filed on 8/11/06 (and Interview on 8/24/06).
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10, 20 and 25-26 (Renumbered as 1-14).

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicants, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with John Carpenter on September 27, 2006.

2. The application has been amended as follows: Claim 20 has been amended as follows:

20. (Currently Amended) A computer readable medium encoded with computer executable instructions, that, when loaded and executed by a computer, performs An electronic signal being any of transmitted, propagating through a medium, and received, that, when decoded from any of bit patterns, modulation, and other coding mechanisms or combinations thereof, comprises a rich media player constructed according to the method of Claim 1.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicants' arguments, see pages 7-11 of the Remarks, filed on August 11, 2006, with respect to claims 1-10, 20, 22 and 25-26 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-10, 20, 22 and 25-26 has been withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-10, 20, 22 and 25-26 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent claim 1, the prior art, alone or in combination, does not teach or fairly suggest a method comprising the steps of: after receipt of a rich media request from a consumer web browser invoking a link on an e-tailer web page, building a set of rich media players on-the-fly at a third party server, comprising, accessing a predefined template comprising a basic movie player having track locations and designed to operate at a predetermined connection speed, applying a set of selected tracks to the track locations of said template, saving the player in a place accessible on the third party server, and repeating the steps of accessing, applying and saving for each of a set of predefined templates designed to operate at different predefined connection speeds; receiving a connection speed identifier; uploading on of the built on-the-fly players corresponding to the connection speed identifier from the third party server to the consumer web browser; and serving the requested rich media content to the uploaded player.

As for the most pertinent prior art of record, the Parthasarathy et al (US 6,802,061) patent discloses methods and systems for automatically downloading (or sending), installing, and displaying virtually any type of component or plug-in, including a multimedia player (see Abstract and col. 2, line 20 – col. 3, line 62). However, the Parthasarathy et al patent does not build the multimedia player itself on-the-fly, in addition to uploading it, both after the receipt of the media request and the upload further occurring after receipt of the connection speed identifier, as does the Applicants' invention as described in claim 1.

The newly cited Armstrong et al (US 6,985,934) patent discloses a method and system for providing rich media content over a computer network. According to the disclosed invention, a server polls the software, hardware, or appliance of an end user on the network, for the availability of software and/or hardware necessary for the display of rich media content. The polling is automatic and requires no action on the part of the end user. Based on the client's response, the server sends an appropriately formatted version of the rich media file. Once the rich media has been transferred and stored, or cached, in the local memory of the client, the rich media content is displayed automatically in a designated display area (see Abstract and col. 5, line 41 – col. 8, line 67). Furthermore, Armstrong et al discloses that rich media files may be previously created and stored in memory, or may be created “on-the-fly” in response to the requirements of the client (see col. 7, lines 8-10). However, Armstrong et al does not teach or disclose creating rich media player(s) “on-the-fly” as does the Applicants’ claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicants must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled “Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael W. Hoye whose telephone number is **571-272-7346**. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:30 AM to 5 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Miller, can be reached at **571-272-7353**.

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